

REMARKS

Summary of Changes Made

Claim 3 has been cancelled, and claim 16 has been amended to depend from allowed claim 18, instead of cancelled claim 3. Thus, no new matter has been added. Claims 1, 16 and 18 are pending in the application, with claims 1 and 18 having previously been allowed.

It is submitted that the amendment to claim 16 (i.e., changing the dependency thereof) does not raise new issues and does not require further search or consideration by the Examiner. Further, the amendment to the claims places the application in a condition for allowance. In this regard, it is submitted that amended claim 16 should be allowed as being dependent upon an allowed base claim (claim 18).

Conclusion

In light of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and notice to that effect is hereby requested. The Examiner is invited to initiate a telephone interview with the undersigned attorney to further discuss the teachings of the prior art, if necessary.

If there are any fees resulting from this communication, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 18-0160, our Order No. NGB-12930.

Respectfully submitted,

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